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September 29, 2011

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Agent for Repar Corporation

Cc: Mary Manibusan



RE: Streptomycin registration

Bhushan Mandava

to:

Jose Gayoso

09/16/2011 01:36 PM

Cc:

Mary Manibusan, Cathryn Britton

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From: "Bhushan Mandava" <mandava@compuserve.com>

To: Jose Gayoso/DC/USEPA/US@EPA

Cc: Mary Manibusan/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Cathryn Britton/DC/USEPA/US@EPA

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Mr. Gayoso:

Since our last telephone conversation in July 2011, we have been collecting additional information on the data available in public domain on streptomycin. We have not assembled it for submission to EPA.

We have been attempting to convince the Agency to waive the burdensome data requirements for streptomycin. We noted that the Agency stated that Repar's registration would not be eligible for waiver for a low volume/minor use because other technical registrants have committed to conduct the studies. We have provided the information that Repar Corporation is a small company and the sales do not support the development of the required data. [We have also given you the sales volumes for streptomycin published by USDA and others, and we stated that the declining use volumes do not justify the costs for the development of the required data.]

Re. Environmental Fate and non-Target Organisms Data: We have provided the open literature data to satisfy the required environmental fate and non-target organisms studies. The Agency accepted only one study (850.4400) and denied the waivers for other studies.

We are providing you the additional information as noted below:

1) Low Volume/Minor Uses: We are really surprised to note that the Agency denied our request for a low volume/minor use exemption (LVE). We did not get a convincing reason why such an exemption cannot be granted (not to one registrant but) to all the registrants of streptomycin. Under the law, the Agency can grant such an exemption provided that the registrants showed the reasonable grounds. [Regardless of others making such a LVE request, the Agency can make such determination without requests from the registrants for Public good.] The underlying basis for such an exemption is low exposure and negligible risk because of low volume use. Inherently, streptomycin has a low toxicity (based on the toxicity data); it was not proved to be a carcinogen or a mutagen, and it did not show other toxic effects. It is a naturally occurring substance. The Agency can regulate streptomycin by restricting its use if it is a man-made, but cannot control it when it is produced by nature.

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2) Source(s) for Streptomycin Resistance: We understand the resistance problems but we are not clear where the resistance is coming from (about the source for resistance). We have provided the published information that clearly demonstrates that the streptomycin formulations do not contribute to resistance problems. [Additionally a 1999 Wisconsin Study shows that the DNA, including antibiotic resistance genes, is either absent or present at low, undetectable levels in plant-grade antibiotic formulations. It is unlikely that growers are enriching the environment with antibiotic resistance genes when they spray streptomycin to control fire blight.]

If streptomycin formulations do not contribute to resistance, what is the source for resistance? If the resistance comes from other sources such as animal wastes, we are not sure that EPA has the authority to require such data from the streptomycin registrants under FIFRA. *Data aren't just being required to study resistance.*

3) Radio-Labeled C-14 Streptomycin for Environmental Fate Studies: We support the Nufarm/Makhteshim request for waiver. It would be difficult to make radio (C-14) labeled material (or other radio-labeled materials using different isotopes) to conduct environmental fate studies. The approach suggested by EPA does not seem to be practical. If we conduct these studies with cold material (unlabeled streptomycin), one has to use a large amount of the material, and the identity of the degradation products or metabolites would be very difficult by chromatographic analysis coupled with UV/Vis spectrometric detection systems. Since there are no chromophores in the streptomycin molecule, it would be difficult to identify the breakdown products. The results that we would get from such studies would not be significantly different from what have been reported previously. This is because we will be employing the same old technology for isolation and characterization of the breakdown products (what we call it a BUCKET CHEMISTRY, not micro analytical work). Other sophisticated expensive detection methods such as LC/MS and MS/MS are considered to be the research tools and not the practical methods. *We have already ~~denied~~ denied this waiver, and the registrants are working on other ways to satisfy the regulation. Also, this only applies to forest products. What's the excuse for not doing it?*

4) Cost-Benefit Approach: Economically, it does not make sense to develop the data required by EPA, because it does not seem to be a cost-benefit approach for streptomycin. *There are other registrants willing to satisfy the economic test.*

I will be available for a conference call meeting with you and your branch chief on Monday afternoon (after 1 PM) or on Tuesday. Please let me know what would be the convenient time for both of you, so that I will make myself available. *Cost benefit analyses on mitigation, Not DCI.*

Best Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Gayoso.Jose@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Gayoso.Jose@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 11:58 AM
To: Bhushan Mandava
Cc: Manibusan.Mary@epamail.epa.gov; Britton.Cathryn@epamail.epa.gov
Subject: Streptomycin registration

Dr. Mandava,

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I would like to schedule a phone call with you, my branch chief, and myself. Please let me know when you would be available next week.

Thank you,

#03 Suspension - when would suspension be lifted

- 9/14/11 (phone call w/ mandava)*
- Repar can't afford to cost share.
 - Request EPA to suspend registration.
 - Will email by sept.

★ follow up ★ email

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October 12, 2010

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SUBJECT: Streptomycin (Case # 0169)
Chemical Name: Streptomycin Sulfate
Chemical Number: 006310
Generic Data Call-In ID# RR-006310-28469
Registration Review Issued June 22, 2010
EPA Reg. No.: 69361-8

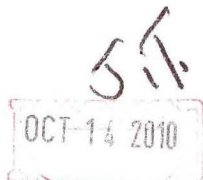
Company: Repar Corporation

Dear Mr. Gayoso:

In response to the Agency's Generic Data Call-In (DCI) for Streptomycin Sulfate (EPA Reg. No.: 69361-8); ID #RR-006310-28469, Repar Corporation ("**Repar**") is submitting the following information:

- 1) Completed and signed Data Call-In Response Form
- 2) Completed and signed Requirements Status and Registrants Response Form
- 3) Letter addressed to you informing the Agency how Repar intends to satisfy all the data required under the subject GDCI Notice.

Please be advised that we are not submitting the Cost Share Form (EPA Form 8570-32) because Repar is seeking waivers (Response Codes 8 and 9) for the required data (as shown in the attached letter to you. Repar is also not submitting the Certification with Respect to Data Compensation Requirements (EPA Form 8570-31) because Repar is not relying on other generic data for streptomycin under the subject GDCI Notice. To the best of our knowledge, no other company owns the data or submitted to EPA the generic data required under the subject GDCI Notice.



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Since the **REQUIREMENTS STATUS AND REGISTRANT'S RESPONSE FORM** does not provide adequate space for indicating the options (Options 8 and 9), we request you to consider the attached letter for complete details.

We have submitted additional information in several attachments in support of Repar's response to Generic Data Call-In Notice for Streptomycin.

If there are further questions, please contact us at (202) 223-1424.

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Agent for Repar Corporation

Enclosure

United States Environmental Protection
Agency Washington, D.C. 20460
DATA CALL-IN RESPONSE

OMB Approval 2070-0174

OMB Approval 2070-0107
OMB Approval 2070-0057

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4. EPA Product Registration	5. I wish to cancel this product regis- tration volun- tarily	6. Generic Data		7. Product Specific Data	
		6a. I am claiming a Generic Data Exemption because I obtain the active ingredient from the source EPA regis- tration number listed below.	6b. I agree to satisfy Generic Data requirements as indicated on the attached form entitled "Requirements Status and Registrant's Response."	7a. My product is an MUP and I agree to satisfy the MUP requirements on the attached form entitled "Requirements Status and Registrant's Response."	7b. My product is an EUP and I agree to satisfy the EUP requirements on the attached form entitled "Requirements Status and Registrant's Response."
69361-8	NO	NO	YES	N.A.	N.A.
8. Certification I certify that the statements made on this form and all attachments are true, accurate, and complete. I acknowledge that any knowingly false or misleading statement may be punishable by fine, imprisonment or both under applicable law. Signature and Title of Company's Authorized Representative <u>N. Bhushan Mandava</u> Registration Agent				9. Date 10-12-10	
10. Name of Company Repar Corporation				11. Phone Number (202) 223-1424	

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			1	2	3				
835.4200	<u>Environmental Fate Data Requirements (Conventional Chemical)</u> Anaerobic soil metabolism					Q, A, B, C	TGAI or PAIRA	24	8 and 9
835.4300	Aerobic aquatic metabolism					Q, A, B, C	TGAI or PAIRA	24	8 and 9
835.4400	Anaerobic aquatic metabolism					Q, A, B, C	TGAI or PAIRA	24	8 and 9
	<u>Nontarget Plant Protection Data Requirements (Conventional Chemical)</u>								
850.4100	Terrestrial plant toxicity, Tier 1 (seeding emergence)					Q, A, B, C	TEP	12	8 and 9
850.4150	Terrestrial plant toxicity, Tier 1 (vegetative vigor)					Q, A, B, C	TEP	12	8 and 9
850.4400	Aquatic plant toxicity test using Lemna spp. Tiers I and II (2)					Q, A, B, C	TEP or TGAI	12	8 and 9
850.5400	Algal toxicity, Tiers 1 and II (1)					Q, A, B, C	TEP or TGAI	12	9
	<u>Product Chemistry Data Requirements (Conventional Chemical)</u>								
830.7370	Dissociation constants in water (4)					Q, A, B, C	TGAI or PAI	8	9
	<u>Terrestrial and Aquatic Nontarget Organisms Data Requirements (Conventional Chemical)</u>								
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Initial to indicate certification as to information on this page (full text of certification is on page one). <i>NBM</i>						Date 10-12-10			

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